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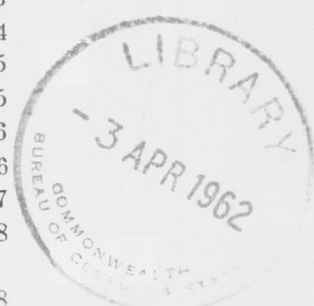
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INDICATORS OF BUSINESS ACTIVITY IN TASMANIA.

This table summarizes the trend of business activity shown by certain of the major indicators contained in the following tables of this publication:—

Period	Wage and Salary Earners in Civilian Employment (Excluding Rural and Female Private Domestic) (a)			Wholesale Trade—Net Sales Recorded Under Tax Acts	Building Permits Tasmania (b)	New Houses Completed (c)	State Railways—Gross Revenue	Bank Debits to Customers' Accounts (Weekly Average) (d)	P.M.G.'s Department Receipts (e)
	Males	Females	Total						
	No.	No.	No.	£'000. (f)	£'000. (f)	No. (g)	£ (f)	£'000	£ (f)
1946-47	51,069	16,927	67,996	1,341	280	268	74,394	3,374	71,573
1947-48	54,522	18,027	72,549	1,604	348	386	79,829	3,947	72,990
1948-49	56,195	18,573	74,768	2,068	489	572	87,259	4,699	76,394
1949-50	58,380	19,380	77,760	2,168	698	713	94,915	5,605	88,433
1950-51	60,784	20,366	81,150	2,809	904	979	113,043	7,370	99,312
1951-52	61,756	19,892	81,648	3,525	835	1,000	150,629	8,856	135,685
1952-53	62,201	20,179	82,380	3,440	666	829	170,784	8,850	144,806
1953-54	63,578	21,195	84,773	3,821	902	658	181,608	9,938	157,088
1954-55	65,079	21,839	86,918	4,488	1,067	620	194,359	10,716	165,209
1955-56	65,791	23,225	89,016	4,703	1,036	680	212,064	11,621	175,203
1956-57	65,977	22,925	88,902	5,200	1,290	690	211,021	12,671	199,617
1957-58	67,011	23,470	90,481	5,744	1,135	641	214,103	12,983	223,391
1958-59	67,627	23,348	90,975	6,095	1,150	644	225,550	13,767	234,346
1959-60	69,365	24,176	93,541	6,553	1,632	619	233,482	15,369	272,573
1960-61	68,699	24,119	92,818	6,803	1,265	622	227,704	16,234	302,611
1958-59—									
October	66,603	22,162	88,765	6,254	1,263	564	236,665	13,318	257,197
November	66,740	22,478	89,218	6,185	1,256		227,315	14,000	235,380
December	67,497	23,143	90,640	6,346	825		223,716	15,547	285,891
January	67,676	23,078	90,754	6,964	1,019	611	186,584	10,399	223,326
February	68,018	22,857	90,875	6,018	988		233,488	13,870	190,233
March	68,179	23,127	91,306	5,094	1,159		235,245	14,226	180,672
April	68,089	23,691	91,780	7,174	1,280	826	235,256	15,302	296,986
May	67,885	23,488	91,373	6,457	1,438		235,052	15,621	252,704
June	67,627	23,348	90,975	6,973	1,192		242,301	14,584	259,820
1959-60—									
July	67,827	23,021	90,848	4,797	1,452	619	236,819	15,525	249,359
August	67,897	22,650	90,547	5,716	1,640		229,709	13,831	203,497
September	68,051	22,764	90,815	6,940	1,390		236,397	14,647	187,583
October	68,590	22,952	91,542	6,205	1,771	617	249,510	14,125	304,084
November	68,656	23,160	91,816	6,411	2,863		237,813	15,190	276,362
December	68,964	23,731	92,695	6,450	1,940		227,867	17,563	294,571
January	69,867	24,056	93,923	7,272	858	613	194,981	12,849	260,432
February	69,562	23,877	93,439	6,082	1,367		240,905	14,519	267,746
March	69,676	23,945	93,621	7,096	1,466		268,896	15,838	266,044
April	69,687	24,256	93,943	5,078	1,277	626	220,637	16,178	284,093
May	69,622	24,286	93,908	8,552	1,669		231,698	17,218	355,435
June	69,365	24,176	93,541	8,042	1,887		226,555	16,941	321,673
1960-61—									
July	69,157	23,957	93,114	5,796	1,219	633	208,796	17,280	309,419
August	69,182	23,615	92,797	5,946	1,718		247,098	15,133	284,742
September	69,125	23,510	92,635	8,216	1,747		253,465	15,460	238,484
October	69,420	23,485	92,905	5,522	1,007	711	232,942	16,560	342,282
November	69,479	23,749	93,228	7,798	1,589		246,618	15,814	335,713
December	69,795	24,261	94,056	5,544	1,052		220,464	18,490	284,528
January	69,812	23,935	93,747	7,631	851	526	176,026	15,124	341,083
February	69,928	24,420	94,348	6,514	1,013		224,472	14,842	294,146
March	70,156	24,617	94,773	6,418	1,071		243,426	16,682	268,399
April	69,949	24,439	94,388	7,439	1,287	617	208,740	15,937	297,134
May	69,351	24,400	93,751	7,793	1,331		239,766	17,419	344,918
June	68,699	24,119	92,818	7,022	1,292		230,638	16,071	290,488
1961-62—									
July	68,555	23,734	92,289	5,956	1,776	534	202,433	16,449	333,161
August	68,492	23,542	92,034	6,659	2,588		220,302	13,962	298,491
September	68,260	23,274	91,534	5,865	1,921		214,237	14,531	279,510
October	68,081	23,215	91,296	6,919	1,191	602	228,351	16,176	325,644
November	68,427	23,500	91,927	6,501	1,150		234,096	14,736	328,583
December	69,184	24,021	93,205	4,856	1,473		(h)	16,925	302,302
January	(h)	(h)	(h)	4,279	1,158	(h)	(h)	13,490	330,845

(a) Excludes permanent Defence Forces in Australia or Overseas and National Service trainees in camp. (See Note (b) on page 4.) Figures shown opposite financial years are for the month of June.

(b) Includes permits issued by local government authorities and contracts let, work commenced and day labour projects authorised by government authorities.

(c) Includes owner-built houses.

(d) Compiled from returns lodged under *Banking Act* 1945. Averages of four or five weeks ended last

Monday in period to December, 1946; thereafter averages of four or five weeks ended on last Wednesday. Excludes debits to Australian Government accounts at city branches.

(e) Actual collections.

(f) Monthly averages for annual periods; and monthly totals.

(g) Quarterly averages for years and quarterly totals.

(h) Not yet available.

TASMANIA: WAGE AND SALARY EARNERS IN CIVILIAN EMPLOYMENT(a)

Month	Total Civilian Employees (excluding Rural, Female Private Domestic and Defence Forces).			Total Civilian Employees in Main Industrial Groups.						
	Governmental Authorities (b)	Private Employers	Total	Mining and Quarrying	Factories (c)	Building and Construction	Transport and Communication	Retail Trade	Other Commerce and Finance	Professional and Personal Service (d)
MALES.										
1949—June	15,613	41,189	56,802	2,715	18,070	8,877	7,746	3,405	5,030	5,548
1950—June	16,779	41,601	58,380	2,757	18,365	9,370	8,243	3,474	5,164	5,734
1951—June	18,774	42,010	60,784	2,758	18,638	10,263	8,471	3,466	5,350	5,846
1952—June	18,863	42,893	61,756	2,890	18,689	10,300	8,743	3,486	5,497	5,976
1953—June	19,452	42,749	62,201	3,189	18,488	10,700	8,444	3,569	5,558	6,034
1954—June	20,029	43,549	63,578	3,061	19,581	10,400	8,685	3,566	5,697	6,186
1955—June	21,170	43,909	65,079	3,035	20,096	10,400	9,134	3,629	5,970	6,217
1956—June	20,229	45,562	65,791	3,052	21,591	8,800	9,565	3,629	6,137	6,514
1957—June	20,637	45,340	65,977	3,043	21,244	8,900	9,607	3,717	6,066	6,781
1958—June	21,922	45,089	67,011	2,833	21,914	9,400	9,545	3,558	6,134	6,871
1959—June	22,099	45,528	67,627	2,773	22,446	9,200	9,651	3,579	6,164	6,928
1960—June	22,061	47,304	69,365	2,850	23,486	8,900	9,748	3,673	6,503	7,157
1961—June	21,798	46,901	68,699	2,885	23,087	8,500	9,890	3,613	6,588	7,124
1960—Oct.	22,160	47,260	69,420	2,887	23,468	8,900	9,757	3,553	6,495	7,261
Nov.	22,171	47,308	69,479	2,842	23,485	8,900	9,737	3,618	6,538	7,307
Dec.	22,217	47,578	69,795	2,864	23,691	8,800	9,734	3,743	6,531	7,308
1961—Oct.	21,819	46,262	68,081	2,818	22,682	8,600	9,557	3,579	6,690	7,126
Nov.	21,804	46,623	68,427	2,797	23,058	8,500	9,487	3,612	6,725	7,153
Dec.	21,903	47,281	69,184	2,822	23,455	8,500	9,582	3,690	6,742	7,202
FEMALES.										
1949—June	3,491	15,218	18,709	35	4,439	72	1,088	3,480	1,343	7,465
1950—June	3,653	15,727	19,380	39	4,600	87	1,090	3,597	1,434	7,727
1951—June	4,031	16,335	20,366	55	4,662	101	1,205	3,899	1,579	7,922
1952—June	4,243	15,649	19,892	51	4,097	108	1,297	3,641	1,669	8,074
1953—June	4,362	15,817	20,179	50	4,114	122	1,227	3,646	1,724	8,317
1954—June	4,644	16,551	21,195	51	4,750	122	1,251	3,849	1,785	8,402
1955—June	4,943	16,896	21,839	56	4,768	127	1,310	4,152	1,954	8,463
1956—June	5,197	18,028	23,225	66	5,503	124	1,373	4,223	2,099	8,801
1957—June	5,446	17,479	22,925	75	5,161	124	1,379	4,134	2,046	8,930
1958—June	5,669	17,801	23,470	63	5,335	131	1,393	4,139	2,092	9,211
1959—June	5,715	17,633	23,348	62	5,122	130	1,395	4,202	2,121	9,199
1960—June	5,909	18,267	24,176	68	5,544	131	1,375	4,258	2,225	9,398
1961—June	6,059	18,060	24,119	79	5,122	123	1,378	4,490	2,256	9,431
1960—Oct.	5,924	17,561	23,485	71	4,841	139	1,363	4,364	2,195	9,321
Nov.	5,921	17,828	23,749	74	4,906	137	1,358	4,544	2,216	9,341
Dec.	5,975	18,286	24,261	73	5,113	140	1,387	4,832	2,218	9,292
1961—Oct.	5,999	17,216	23,215	71	4,486	126	1,321	4,387	2,220	9,369
Nov.	5,979	17,521	23,500	76	4,643	123	1,308	4,482	2,202	9,444
Dec.	5,957	18,064	24,021	76	5,017	122	1,315	4,577	2,241	9,443
PERSONS.										
1949—June	19,104	56,407	75,511	2,750	22,509	8,949	8,834	6,885	6,373	13,013
1950—June	20,432	57,328	77,760	2,796	22,965	9,457	9,333	7,071	6,598	13,461
1951—June	22,805	58,345	81,150	2,813	23,300	10,364	9,676	7,365	6,929	13,768
1952—June	23,106	58,542	81,648	2,941	22,786	10,408	10,040	7,127	7,166	14,050
1953—June	23,814	58,566	82,380	3,239	22,602	10,822	9,671	7,215	7,282	14,351
1954—June	24,673	60,100	84,773	3,112	24,331	10,522	9,936	7,415	7,482	14,588
1955—June	26,113	60,805	86,918	3,091	24,864	10,527	10,444	7,781	7,924	14,680
1956—June	25,426	63,590	89,016	3,118	27,094	8,924	10,938	7,852	8,236	15,315
1957—June	26,083	62,819	88,902	3,118	26,405	9,024	10,986	7,851	8,112	15,711
1958—June	27,591	62,890	90,481	2,896	27,249	9,531	10,938	7,697	8,226	16,082
1959—June	27,814	63,161	90,975	2,835	27,568	9,330	11,046	7,781	8,285	16,127
1960—June	27,970	65,571	93,541	2,918	29,030	9,031	11,123	7,931	8,728	16,555
1961—June	27,857	64,961	92,818	2,964	28,209	8,623	11,268	8,103	8,844	16,555
1960—Oct.	28,084	64,821	92,905	2,958	28,309	9,039	11,120	7,917	8,690	16,582
Nov.	28,092	65,136	93,228	2,916	28,391	9,037	11,095	8,162	8,754	16,648
Dec.	28,192	65,864	94,056	2,937	28,804	8,940	11,121	8,575	8,749	16,600
1961—Oct.	27,818	63,478	91,296	2,889	27,168	8,726	10,878	7,966	8,910	16,495
Nov.	27,783	64,144	91,927	2,873	27,701	8,623	10,795	8,094	8,927	16,597
Dec.	27,860	65,345	93,205	2,898	28,472	8,622	10,897	8,267	8,983	16,645

(a) Excludes permanent Defence Forces in Australia and overseas and National Service trainees in camp. Estimated total employment is obtained from annual Factory Censuses, returns of Government Employment, Pay-roll Tax returns, and other direct collections.

(b) Includes employees of Government Authorities (Commonwealth, State, and Local), on services such as

railways, tramways, banks, post-office, air transport, education, broadcasting, police, public works, &c., as well as administrative employees.

(c) As recorded at the annual Censuses of Factories to June, 1960, with interim estimates for subsequent months.

(d) Includes Education, Health, Hotels and Restaurants, other Professional and Personal Services (except female private domestics).

UNEMPLOYMENT AND SICKNESS BENEFITS: TASMANIA.

Period	Unemployment Benefits (a)			Sickness Benefits (a)	
	No. of Persons Admitted to Benefit (b)	No. of Persons on Benefit at End of Month (c)	Benefit Payments During Month	No. of Persons on Benefit at End of Month (c)	Benefit Payments During Month
	No.	No.	£	No.	£
MONTHLY AVERAGES.					
1953-54	111	212	3,549	235	4,560
1954-55	40	81	1,329	233	4,310
1955-56	38	57	830	228	4,242
1956-57	107	134	1,920	229	3,936
1957-58	291	512	8,652	232	4,895
1958-59	309	611	11,239	248	5,823
1959-60	265	561	10,080	247	5,640
1960-61	333	576	9,544	250	5,564
MONTHLY TOTALS.					
1960-61—					
January	135	291	2,976	247	4,241
February	236	323	5,229	242	5,482
March	244	366	5,692	235	5,083
April	542	689	6,143	224	4,586
May	664	998	14,298	231	5,567
June	764	1,336	25,076	269	7,037
1961-62—					
July	1,063	1,814	26,320	241	6,543
August	891	2,023	30,619	257	5,052
September	998	2,182	34,688	271	6,241
October	536	1,673	43,348	254	7,349
November	487	1,575	31,947	249	6,112
December	475	1,398	27,730	229	6,415
January	484	1,385	23,054	225	6,127

(a) Compiled from information furnished by the Department of Social Services on the operation of Part VII of the *Social Services Act*, 1947-1958.

(b) Four or five weekly period ending last Saturday of month.

(c) Last Saturday of month.

POPULATION AND VITAL STATISTICS: TASMANIA.

Period	Births		Deaths		Marriages		Natural Increase (b)	Net Migration (c)	Total Increase (d)	Population at end of Period (e)
	Number	Rate (a)	Number	Rate (a)	Number	Rate (a)				
Year ended 31st December—										
1947	7,140	27.71	2,363	9.17	2,584	10.03	4,777	8,589	13,366	267,936
1948	6,979	26.49	2,528	9.60	2,428	9.22	4,451	1,014	5,465	273,401
1949	7,110	26.30	2,389	8.84	2,422	8.96	4,721	3,221	7,942	281,343
1950	7,242	25.98	2,466	8.85	2,560	9.18	4,776	4,214	8,990	290,333
1951	7,357	25.52	2,567	8.90	2,607	9.04	4,790	6,664	11,454	301,787
1952	7,916	26.53	2,579	8.64	2,553	8.56	5,337	2,434	7,771	309,558
1953	7,736	25.25	2,551	8.33	2,424	7.91	5,185	1,722	6,907	316,465
1954 (g)	7,770	24.98	2,696	8.68	2,512	8.08	5,074	—2,321	2,753	319,218
1955 (g)	8,089	25.63	2,489	7.89	2,600	8.24	5,600	101	5,701	324,919
1956 (g)	8,104	25.24	2,513	7.83	2,601	8.10	5,591	830	6,421	331,340
1957 (g)	8,435	25.68	2,670	8.13	2,507	7.63	5,765	1,702	7,467	338,807
1958 (g)	8,568	25.55	2,708	8.07	2,475	7.38	5,860	—769	5,091	343,898
1959 (g)	8,625	25.26	2,780	8.14	2,567	7.52	5,845	1,606	7,451	351,349
1960 (g)	8,853	25.52	2,670	7.70	2,713	7.82	6,183	—1,563	4,620	355,969
Quarter ended—		(f)		(f)		(f)				
Sept., 1959 (g)	2,300	27.11	797	9.40	541	6.38	1,503	—1,301	202	339,574
Dec., 1959 (g)	2,192	25.38	607	7.03	718	8.31	1,585	10,190	11,775	351,349
Mar., 1960 (g)	2,170	24.88	633	7.26	685	7.86	1,537	—6,623	—5,086	346,263
June, 1960 (g)	2,216	25.69	642	7.44	728	8.44	1,574	—3,927	—2,353	343,910
Sept., 1960 (g)	2,312	26.82	756	8.77	564	6.54	1,556	225	1,781	345,691
Dec., 1960 (g)	2,155	24.57	639	7.29	736	8.39	1,516	8,762	10,278	355,969
Mar., 1961 (g)	2,364	26.68	677	7.64	693	7.82	1,687	—4,664	—2,977	352,992
June, 1961 (g)	2,192	24.93	698	7.94	671	7.63	1,494	—4,154	—2,660	350,332
Sept. 1961	2,353	26.78	769	8.75	570	6.49	1,584	729	2,313	352,645

(a) Rate per 1,000 of mean population.

(b) Excess of births over deaths.

(c) Excess of arrivals over departures from Tasmania.
A minus sign (—) denotes excess of departures over arrivals.

(d) Includes natural increase and net migration.

(e) Population estimates for periods subsequent to the Census of 30th June, 1954, have been revised in accordance with the preliminary results of the Census of 30th June, 1961.

(f) Equivalent annual rates.

(g) The rates per 1,000 of mean population for this period have been revised. (See note (e) above).

VALUE OF RETAIL SALES IN TASMANIA: COMMODITY GROUPS.

£'000.

NOTE.—The figures in this table may differ slightly from corresponding data published elsewhere due to rounding processes.

Period	Groceries	Butchers' Meat	Other Food (a)	Beer, Wine, Spirits	Clothing, Drapery, Piece-goods, Footwear.	Hardware (b)	Electrical Goods (c)	Furniture	Other Goods (d)	Total (Excluding Motor Vehicles, &c.)	Motor Vehicles, Parts, Petrol (e)
					QUARTERLY	AVERAGES.					
1948-49 (f)	1,210	580	780	760	1,880	380	250	330	1,130	7,300	1,360
1952-53 (f)	2,160	1,140	1,490	1,340	3,220	790	570	610	2,400	13,720	3,430
1953-54	2,300	1,290	1,610	1,370	3,330	820	670	630	2,620	14,640	4,290
1954-55	2,490	1,270	1,600	1,540	3,520	1,010	760	700	2,880	15,770	5,110
1955-56	2,710	1,340	1,850	1,670	3,660	1,080	810	770	2,920	16,810	5,500
1956-57 (f)	2,920	1,390	1,880	1,750	3,790	1,130	790	800	3,040	17,490	5,720
1957-58 (g)	2,990	1,400	1,940	1,720	3,680	1,120	680	800	3,140	17,470	6,050
1958-59 (g)	3,050	1,530	2,060	1,810	4,040	1,220	790	800	3,340	18,640	6,170
1959-60 (g)	3,180	1,530	2,180	1,910	4,380	1,360	1,100	930	3,590	20,160	6,820
1960-61 (g)	3,490	1,700	2,520	1,940	4,480	1,390	1,370	900	4,040	21,830	7,170
1958-59 (g) —					QUARTERLY	TOTALS.					
June Qr.	2,950	1,570	1,970	1,710	4,170	1,220	770	860	3,240	18,460	6,320
1959-60 (g) —											
Sept. Qr.	3,010	1,520	2,040	1,790	3,930	1,240	800	870	3,220	18,420	6,460
Dec. Qr.	3,300	1,510	2,270	1,940	5,160	1,560	1,180	1,140	3,990	22,050	7,300
Mar. Qr.	3,210	1,480	2,240	2,010	3,800	1,260	1,060	800	3,520	19,380	6,580
June Qr.	3,200	1,620	2,170	1,910	4,650	1,370	1,370	890	3,630	20,810	6,940
1960-61 (g) —											
Sept. Qr.	3,320	1,670	2,340	1,780	4,250	1,380	1,320	950	3,820	20,830	7,620
Dec. Qr.	3,700	1,730	2,660	2,030	5,210	1,650	1,540	1,080	4,620	24,220	8,170
Mar. Qr.	3,490	1,650	2,640	2,070	3,830	1,250	1,280	760	3,940	20,910	6,500
June Qr.	3,460	1,730	2,450	1,860	4,640	1,290	1,350	790	3,780	21,350	6,380
1961-62 (g) —											
Sept. Qr.	3,410	1,740	2,410	1,810	4,040	1,290	1,300	760	3,830	20,590	6,580

(a) Includes fresh fruit and vegetables, confectionery, soft drinks, ice cream, cakes, pastry, cooked provisions, fish, &c, but excludes some delivered milk and bread.

(b) Excludes basic building materials (e.g. timber, roofing tiles, &c.).

(c) Includes radios, television and accessories, musical instruments, domestic refrigerators, &c.

(d) Includes tobacco, cigarettes, &c., newspapers, books, stationery, chemists goods, grain and produce, jewellery, office equipment, &c.

(e) Excludes farm machinery and implements, earth moving equipment, &c.

(f) Census figures.

(g) Subject to revision.

RETAIL SALES: HIRE PURCHASE OPERATIONS OF FINANCE BUSINESSES, TASMANIA.

NOTE.—The following statistics relate to businesses which finance the sale of goods by retail, but do not retail goods themselves. Except in the case of balances outstanding, particulars of agreements originally made between retailers and customers and subsequently assigned to finance businesses are not included.

Period	Number of New Agreements Made	Total Value of Goods (a) (£'000)	Amount Financed (b)		Average Proportion of Hire Purchase Sales Financed (Per Cent)	Balances Outstanding at end of each period (c) (£'000)
			Total (£'000)	Average per Agreement (£)		
Motor Vehicles, Tractors, &c.						
1958-59—Quarterly Av.	3,825	2,620	1,586	415	61	(d)
1959-60—Quarterly Av.	3,978	2,750	1,691	425	61	
1960-61—Quarterly Av.	3,288	2,443	1,508	459	62	
1959-60—June Qr.	3,624	2,594	1,598	441	62	
1960-61—Sept. Qr.	4,076	2,887	1,821	447	63	
Dec. Qr.	3,821	2,882	1,778	465	62	
Mar. Qr.	2,583	2,085	1,271	492	61	
June Qr.	2,674	1,918	1,162	435	61	
Industrial Plant and Machinery, &c.						
1958-59—Quarterly Av.	192	122	76	396	62	(d)
1959-60—Quarterly Av.	249	189	126	506	67	
1960-61—Quarterly Av.	313	254	165	527	65	
1959-60—June Qr.	282	181	127	450	70	
1960-61—Sept. Qr.	377	251	170	451	68	
Dec. Qr.	377	390	258	684	66	
Mar. Qr.	277	165	101	365	61	
June Qr.	220	210	131	595	62	
Household and Personal Goods						
1958-59—Quarterly Av.	4,383	342	264	60	77	(d)
1959-60—Quarterly Av.	4,000	370	289	72	78	
1960-61—Quarterly Av.	3,834	458	357	93	78	
1959-60—June Qr.	3,605	429	337	93	79	
1960-61—Sept. Qr.	4,380	569	443	101	78	
Dec. Qr.	4,435	497	388	87	78	
Mar. Qr.	3,677	427	337	92	79	
June Qr.	2,842	340	261	92	77	
Total All Goods						
1958-59—Quarterly Av.	8,400	3,084	1,925	229	62	(e) 10,696
1959-60—Quarterly Av.	8,227	3,309	2,106	256	64	(e) 11,872
1960-61—Quarterly Av.	7,435	3,155	2,030	273	64	(e) 12,310
1959-60—June Qr.	7,511	3,204	2,062	275	64	11,872
1960-61—Sept. Qr.	8,833	3,707	2,434	276	66	12,622
Dec. Qr.	8,633	3,769	2,424	281	64	13,192
Mar. Qr.	6,537	2,677	1,709	261	64	12,933
June Qr.	5,736	2,468	1,554	271	63	12,310

(a) Value at net cash or list price (excluding hiring charges and insurance).
(b) Excludes hiring charges and insurance.

(c) Includes hiring charges and insurance.
(d) Separate details not available.
(e) Balances at 30th June.

OVERSEA AND INTERSTATE IMPORTS BY SEA AND AIR—TASMANIA PRINCIPAL COMMODITY GROUPS.

£A'000.

Period	Food and Drink	Tobacco and Cigarettes	Drapery Clothing and Textiles	Petroleum and Shale Oils	Ores and Concentrates	Metals and Metal Manufactures	Machinery (Including Electrical)	Chemicals, Drugs and Fertilizers	Total Imports
1938-39 (a)	2,266	479	1,793	443	318	2,393	958	419	11,502
1951-52	9,648	2,374	9,398	2,541	2,069	15,365	10,336	1,969	68,960
1952-53	9,650	2,647	8,377	2,770	2,852	13,158	9,730	2,036	61,613
1953-54	10,990	2,944	9,486	2,735	2,475	14,455	9,230	2,228	67,850
1954-55	11,933	3,016	8,704	3,387	2,803	16,216	8,297	2,540	69,682
1955-56	11,125	3,056	8,980	3,178	3,109	17,083	8,959	2,971	72,829
1956-57	11,420	3,467	9,293	4,523	3,388	16,633	8,860	2,946	76,786
1957-58	10,869	3,885	8,620	4,937	2,837	18,137	9,692	3,089	79,112
1958-59	12,766	4,383	9,177	4,847	3,192	19,447	9,466	3,702	83,615
1959-60	13,132	3,676	9,568	5,446	2,798	24,125	10,079	3,393	88,415
1960-61	13,813	5,504	10,096	4,923	3,945	26,586	13,150	3,749	99,226
1960-61—									
July	1,441	320	686	563	344	2,058	940	353	8,184
August	1,002	250	773	318	176	2,107	1,156	325	7,442
September	991	427	637	505	485	2,121	896	313	7,431
October	1,122	482	827	268	56	2,758	1,011	355	8,477
November	1,171	434	751	236	412	2,563	1,230	351	8,557
December	991	453	838	479	254	2,304	1,010	249	8,134
January	935	419	737	341	317	2,378	994	367	8,007
February	1,040	630	724	156	277	2,265	682	229	7,678
March	1,169	434	970	240	590	2,306	1,660	248	9,235
April	1,111	571	1,077	583	406	1,523	1,048	330	8,454
May	1,273	531	1,034	640	396	2,113	1,091	295	8,493
June	1,567	553	1,042	594	232	2,090	1,432	334	9,134

(a) Excludes imports by air details of which are not available.

OVERSEA AND INTERSTATE EXPORTS BY SEA AND AIR—TASMANIA PRINCIPAL COMMODITY GROUPS.

£A'000.

Period	Food and Drink				Greasy Wool (b)	Apparel, Textiles and Manufactured Fibres	Ores and Concentrates	Refined Metals	Timber	Total Exports.
	Fresh and Preserved		Butter	Other						
	Fruit	Vegetables								
1938-39 (a)	1,950	1,057	360	1,634	773	961	976	2,023	571	12,233
1951-52	5,559	3,629	633	5,803	4,683	3,905	5,857	11,160	2,214	57,363
1952-53	7,229	3,597	901	6,696	6,015	5,973	4,861	11,820	2,561	64,034
1953-54	6,417	3,445	800	6,751	5,657	6,921	4,613	10,724	3,350	65,264
1954-55	5,816	3,333	1,513	7,247	6,095	6,648	4,813	10,241	3,578	68,697
1955-56	7,471	4,360	1,731	7,954	5,570	7,581	5,981	12,381	3,488	80,000
1956-57	5,867	5,257	1,726	8,177	8,099	8,107	5,350	14,345	3,643	85,885
1957-58	8,895	3,557	1,710	7,982	7,130	8,288	4,044	14,472	3,390	86,256
1958-59	7,423	4,170	2,414	9,696	6,053	7,526	2,414	16,332	3,742	87,970
1959-60	6,429	3,414	2,695	11,359	7,627	9,613	2,976	17,476	4,768	103,034
1960-61	7,200	3,447	1,649	12,214	6,253	10,097	3,380	15,558	4,777	103,783
1960-61—										
July	260	223	28	758	154	742	367	940	414	6,745
August	273	482	...	833	37	697	267	1,819	454	7,811
September ..	139	285	...	815	8	613	413	1,238	362	6,357
October	238	353	296	1,762	16	421	295	1,029	465	8,448
November	223	204	123	1,398	34	712	307	1,417	489	8,126
December	125	223	284	1,287	149	749	156	1,327	460	6,931
January	70	620	553	959	1,494	1,105	285	1,646	310	10,220
February	132	220	140	1,310	305	1,086	274	1,027	382	8,585
March	394	215	45	969	876	1,068	212	748	390	8,371
April	2,108	286	22	651	1,673	981	138	1,441	313	10,953
May	2,079	149	...	747	913	986	399	1,604	392	10,473
June	1,159	187	158	725	594	937	267	1,322	346	10,763

(a) Excludes exports by air details of which are not available.

(b) Excludes greasy wool exported on skins.

CONSUMER PRICE INDEX: HOBART; WHOLESALE PRICE INDEX: AUSTRALIA.

Consumer Price Index—Hobart (a) (Base of Each Index—Year 1952-53 = 100)							Wholesale Price (Basic Materials and Foodstuffs) Index—Australia (Base: Average three years ended June, 1939 = 100)			
Period	Food	Clothing and Drapery	Housing	Household Supplies and Equipment	Miscellaneous	All Groups	Period	Goods Principally Imported (b)	Goods Principally Home-Produced (c)	All Groups (c)
Year ended June—							1938-39	99	100	100
1951	67.3	78.4	79.8	77.2	72.6	73.3	1952-53	292	331	319
1952	87.1	94.3	88.3	92.3	91.7	90.4	1953-54	271	339	319
1953	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	1954-55	277	340	322
1954	107.9	101.8	107.1	103.0	103.9	105.0	1955-56	292	352	334
1955	107.1	102.0	110.7	103.7	102.0	104.9	1956-57	311	357	344
1956	113.7	103.3	121.9	108.6	106.8	110.2	1957-58	301	355	339
1957	118.6	106.1	133.3	115.2	118.5	116.9	1958-59	283	358	336
1958	115.1	108.7	137.3	116.0	119.5	117.0	1959-60	281	375	348
1959	116.8	109.8	141.3	116.8	121.2	118.7	1960-61	278	394	360
1960	118.5	110.7	148.5	118.5	123.3	120.8	1960-61—Jan.	278	384	352
1961	132.1	112.4	156.6	121.1	126.2	127.5	Feb.	276	386	354
Quarter—							Mar.	276	391	357
1959—Dec.	117.2	110.4	147.4	117.8	123.2	120.1	April	277	394	359
1960—March	117.8	110.8	150.1	118.4	123.3	120.8	May	277	389	356
June	121.4	111.6	151.7	120.1	123.7	122.6	June	274	386	353
Sept.	128.4	111.6	153.7	121.3	125.7	125.8	1961-62—July	275	377	347
Dec.	131.7	112.3	155.9	120.3	125.9	127.1	Aug.	274	371	343
1961—March	133.9	112.5	158.0	120.8	126.7	128.3	Sept.	272	366	338
June	134.4	113.3	158.9	121.9	126.5	128.9	Oct.	271	357	332
Sept.	132.9	113.4	160.8	124.9	127.1	129.1	Nov.	272	354	330
Dec.	129.5	114.0	163.7	124.1	127.0	128.3	Dec.	270	358	332
							Jan.	268	361	334

(a) For current statistical purposes this index replaces both the "C" Series Retail Price Index and the Interim Retail Price Index.

(b) This index does not measure changes in price of imports generally.

(c) The indexes for "Goods Principally Home-Produced" and "All Groups" have been reconstructed as from the base period by excluding potatoes and onions. for January, 1962, indexes comparable with those previously published, including potatoes and onions, were, Goods Principally Home-produced, 365; All Groups, 337.

BASIC WAGE RATES: HOBART; TOTAL WAGES PAID AND AVERAGE EARNINGS: TASMANIA.

Basic Wage: Hobart—Adult Males and Females (Weekly Rates)					Average Weekly Total Wages Paid and Average Earnings		
Date of Operation (a)	Commonwealth Awards		State Wages Boards' Awards (b)		Period	Average Weekly Total Wages Paid (e)	Average Weekly Earnings Per Employed Male Unit (e)
	Males	Females	Males	Females			
	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.			
September, 1939	77 0	42 0	77 0	42 0	1952-53	£'000 1,199	£ 14.80
November, 1947	107 0	58 0	107 0	58 0	1953-54	1,305	15.78
November, 1948	118 0	63 6	118 0	63 6	1954-55	1,399	16.54
November, 1949	128 0	69 0	128 0	69 0	1955-56	1,521	17.75
November, 1950	139 0	75 0	139 0	75 0	1956-57	1,635	18.79
December, 1950	(c) 160 0	(c) 120 0	160 0	120 0	1957-58	1,671	18.95
November, 1951	199 0	149 0	199 0	149 0	1958-59	1,725	19.33
May, 1952	214 0	160 6	214 0	160 6	1959-60	1,878	20.71
August, 1952	222 0	166 6	222 0	166 6	1960-61	1,952	21.32
November, 1952	230 0	172 6	230 0	172 6	1959-60—		
February, 1953	232 0	174 0	232 0	174 0	Dec. Qtr.	1,887	20.91
May, 1953	239 0	179 0	239 0	179 0	March Qtr.	1,842	20.10
August, 1953	(d) 242 0	(d) 181 6	(d) 242 0	(d) 181 6	June Qtr.	2,016	21.98
November, 1953	242 0	181 6	242 0	181 6	1960-61—		
February, 1956	242 0	181 6	259 0	194 3	Sept. Qtr.	1,873	20.62
May, 1956	242 0	181 6	268 0	201 0	Dec. Qtr.	1,984	21.68
June, 1956	(c) 252 0	(c) 189 0	268 0	201 0	March Qtr.	1,928	20.90
August, 1956	252 0	189 0	272 0	204 0	June Qtr.	2,024	22.09
May, 1957	(c) 262 0	(c) 196 6	272 0	204 0	1961-62—		
May, 1958	(c) 267 0	(c) 200 0	272 0	204 0	Sept. Qtr.	1,919	21.29
June, 1959	(c) 282 0	(c) 211 6	282 0	211 6	Dec. Qtr.	2,049	22.67
July, 1961	(c) 294 0	(c) 220 6	294 0	220 6			

(a) Operative as from beginning of first pay period commencing in month shown.

(b) No state basic wage declared; Commonwealth rates followed to a large extent except between February, 1956 and June, 1959.

(c) Increase granted by Commonwealth Conciliation and Arbitration Commission as a result of a Basic Wage Inquiry.

(d) Automatic quarterly adjustments of basic wages discontinued in September, 1953 in Commonwealth Awards and in State Wages Boards' Awards also, except for the period February, 1956 to August, 1956 inclusive.

(e) Derived from employment and wages recorded on pay-roll tax returns, from other direct collections, and from estimates of the unrecorded balance. Excludes Defence Forces.

BUILDING PERMITS: TASMANIA.

NOTE.—Private building permits shown below relate to permits issued by local government authorities. Government figures relate to contracts let and day labour projects commenced by governmental authorities.

Period	New Houses (a)				Other Buildings, including alterations and additions		Totals		
	Private		Government		Private	Government	Private	Government	Grand Total
	No.	£'000	No.	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000

HOBART AND SUBURBS.

ANNUAL TOTALS.

1952-53	678	2,012	212	454	918	294	2,930	748	3,678
1953-54	675	2,085	282	709	1,700	511	3,785	1,220	5,005
1954-55	679	2,220	352	917	1,813	915	4,033	1,832	5,865
1955-56	691	2,343	232	623	1,950	362	4,293	985	5,278
1956-57	757	2,617	284	815	2,362	581	4,979	1,396	6,375
1957-58	645	2,315	312	899	1,946	1,727	4,261	2,626	6,887
1958-59	634	2,309	266	816	1,519	1,604	3,828	2,420	6,248
1959-60	617	2,396	261	849	3,791	3,125	6,187	3,974	10,161
1960-61	569	2,318	250	811	2,433	1,302	4,751	2,113	6,864

MONTHLY TOTALS.

1960-61—May	43	189	29	94	87	207	276	301	577
June	41	181	21	70	206	24	387	94	481
1961-62—July	54	240	27	89	174	287	414	376	790
August	73	311	44	126	289	32	600	158	758
September	50	192	24	53	145	63	337	116	453
October	39	153	33	99	174	46	327	145	472
November	54	229	37	107	150	36	379	143	522
December	29	122	16	63	313	31	435	94	529
January	29	101	17	66	177	416	278	482	760

LAUNCESTON AND SUBURBS.

ANNUAL TOTALS.

1952-53	230	567	80	206	370	51	937	257	1,194
1953-54	384	1,013	176	485	812	176	1,825	661	2,486
1954-55	425	1,180	175	428	677	108	1,857	536	2,393
1955-56	377	1,128	120	312	775	76	1,903	388	2,291
1956-57	404	1,300	119	316	1,415	161	2,715	477	3,192
1957-58	365	1,177	28	66	689	148	1,866	214	2,080
1958-59	395	1,299	42	104	788	276	2,087	380	2,467
1959-60	420	1,452	23	70	1,099	361	2,551	431	2,982
1960-61	379	1,411	22	66	963	490	2,374	556	2,930

MONTHLY TOTALS.

1960-61—May	30	123	47	173	170	173	343
June	34	133	123	185	256	185	441
1961-62—July	27	105	276	381	381
August	40	149	2	7	163	5	312	12	324
September	30	124	6	13	43	1	167	14	181
October	36	125	11	27	22	12	147	39	186
November	38	148	12	27	34	19	182	46	228
December	25	98	47	21	145	21	166
January	26	96	7	18	31	8	127	26	153

OTHER AREAS.

ANNUAL TOTALS.

1952-53	1,023	1,823	79	169	859	269	2,682	438	3,120
1953-54	941	1,833	101	267	725	507	2,558	774	3,332
1954-55	923	1,955	146	416	1,163	1,014	3,118	1,430	4,548
1955-56	1,058	2,406	177	540	1,272	644	3,678	1,184	4,862
1956-57	1,073	2,608	86	276	1,187	1,842	3,795	2,118	5,913
1957-58	972	2,315	150	475	1,172	687	3,487	1,162	4,649
1958-59	900	2,198	169	506	1,307	1,070	3,505	1,576	5,081
1959-60	1,057	2,743	168	556	1,895	1,242	4,638	1,798	6,436
1960-61	912	2,507	113	389	1,519	967	4,026	1,356	5,382

MONTHLY TOTALS.

1960-61—May	76	196	5	16	62	137	258	153	411
June	84	256	3	13	73	28	329	41	370
1961-62—July	72	190	31	102	142	171	332	273	605
August	80	232	32	100	1,087	87	1,319	187	1,506
September	82	222	21	55	909	101	1,131	156	1,287
October	74	203	10	33	79	218	282	251	533
November	80	203	1	6	120	77	323	77	400
December	85	225	13	34	80	439	305	473	778
January	62	154	57	34	211	34	245

(a) Excludes flats which are included with "Other Buildings".

NUMBER OF NEW HOUSES AND FLATS (a): TASMANIA

(Including Owner-built Houses.)

Period	Commenced			Completed			Under Construction at End of Period		
	New Houses	Flats (a)	Total Houses and Flats	New Houses	Flats (a)	Total Houses and Flats	New Houses	Flats (a)	Total Houses and Flats
1955-56	2,490	34	2,524	2,721	49	2,770	2,305	70	2,375
1956-57	2,591	69	2,660	2,759	105	2,864	2,137	34	2,171
1957-58	2,378	85	2,463	2,566	41	2,607	1,949	78	2,027
1958-59	2,563	206	2,769	2,577	131	2,708	1,935	153	2,088
1959-60	2,357	184	2,541	2,475	197	2,672	1,817	140	1,957
1960-61	2,248	129	2,377	2,487	175	2,662	1,578	94	1,672
Quarterly Totals									
1959-60—									
Dec. Qr.	605	69	674	617	21	638	1,877	211	2,088
Mar. Qr.	539	43	582	613	39	652	1,803	215	2,018
June Qr.	640	25	665	626	100	726	1,817	140	1,957
1960-61—									
Sept. Qr.	653	49	702	633	43	676	1,837	146	1,983
Dec. Qr.	524	30	554	711	24	735	1,650	152	1,802
Mar. Qr.	561	22	583	526	26	552	1,685	148	1,833
June Qr.	510	28	538	617	82	699	1,578	94	1,672
1961-62—									
Sept. Qr.	644	20	664	534	57	591	1,688	57	1,745
Dec. Qr.	558	72	630	602	20	622	1,644	109	1,753

(a) Individual Living Units. Only new flats are included, i.e., the conversion of old buildings into flats are omitted. Figures for flats include "Home Units."

VALUE (WHEN COMPLETED) OF NEW BUILDINGS: TASMANIA.

(Including Estimated Value of Owner-built Houses.)

(£'000.)

Period	Commenced			Completed			Under Construction at End of Period		
	Houses and Flats	Other Buildings	Total	Houses and Flats	Other Buildings	Total	Houses and Flats	Other Buildings	Total
1955-56	6,921	2,968	9,889	7,569	5,229	12,798	6,615	3,249	9,864
1956-57	7,569	6,569	14,138	8,217	4,392	12,609	6,210	5,875	12,085
1957-58	7,490	5,243	12,733	7,922	4,918	12,840	5,933	6,013	11,946
1958-59	8,331	6,078	14,409	7,993	5,457	13,450	6,371	6,682	13,053
1959-60	7,917	10,326	18,243	8,285	7,518	15,803	6,013	9,578	15,591
1960-61	7,968	6,172	14,140	8,603	8,411	17,014	5,456	7,508	12,964
Quarterly Totals									
1959-60—									
Dec. Qr.	1,977	3,229	5,206	1,900	1,262	3,162	6,362	9,093	15,455
Mar. Qr.	1,874	2,480	4,354	1,987	1,870	3,857	6,230	9,706	15,936
June Qr.	2,168	2,541	4,709	2,370	2,675	5,045	6,013	9,578	15,591
1960-61—									
Sept. Qr.	2,355	1,888	4,243	2,144	1,107	3,251	6,259	10,357	16,616
Dec. Qr.	1,779	810	2,589	2,329	2,184	4,513	5,731	9,146	14,877
Mar. Qr.	2,018	1,638	3,656	1,795	2,099	3,894	5,965	8,693	14,658
June Qr.	1,816	1,836	3,652	2,335	3,021	5,356	5,456	7,508	12,964
1961-62—									
Sept. Qr.	2,215	2,545	4,760	2,021	2,104	4,125	5,664	7,987	13,651
Dec. Qr.	1,991	1,985	3,976	2,079	2,395	4,474	5,597	7,579	13,176

REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS—TASMANIA.

(Registered under Real Property Act and Registration of Deeds Act.)

Month.	Property Sales—Number and Total Consideration						Number and Amount of Mortgages									
							Registered					Discharged (a)				
	1946		1961		1962		1946		1961		1962	1946		1961		1962
	No.	£'000	No.	£'000	No.	£'000	No.	£'000	No.	£'000	No.	£'000	No.	£'000	No.	£'000
January ..	497	242	756	1,998	628	1,513	170	116	615	1,412	550	1,261	242	113	462	565
February ..	593	300	687	2,010	596	1,208	206	143	576	1,385	517	931	298	163	395	498
March ..	575	317	741	1,814			173	141	623	1,456			273	152	397	424
April ..	581	368	623	1,363			197	174	539	1,097			317	175	306	456
May ..	727	363	866	2,031			254	154	754	1,633			303	278	508	770
June ..	568	347	789	1,770			240	186	662	1,471			263	117	479	768
July ..	559	363	785	2,104			246	213	615	1,042			253	132	442	704
August ..	698	494	866	1,912			277	193	730	1,414			289	181	511	593
September ..	672	404	797	1,873			310	240	709	1,627			336	187	443	713
October ..	511	297	860	2,051			234	206	632	1,367			291	195	421	499
November ..	594	460	717	1,727			269	278	603	1,297			258	145	381	573
December ..	556	384	715	1,677			218	168	598	1,295			220	165	690	638
Year ..	7,131	4,339	9,202	22,330			2,794	2,212	7,656	16,496			3,343	2,003	5,435	7,201
January to February	1,090	542	1,443	4,008	1,224	2,721	376	259	1,191	2,797	1,067	2,192	540	276	857	1,063
															718	933

(a) Excludes partial discharges.

MISCELLANEOUS INDICATORS OF TASMANIAN PRODUCTIVE ACTIVITY.

Period	Production of Foodstuffs.								
	Dairy Products.			Meat (Bone-in Weight).				Bacon & Ham. (c)	Flour. (d)
	Whole Milk Production (a).	Factory Butter.	Factory Cheese.	Beef and Veal.	Mutton and Lamb.	Pigmeat. (b)	Total.		
	'000. Gals.	Tons.	Tons.	Tons.	Tons.	Tons.	Tons.	Tons.	Tons. (2000 lb.)
MONTHLY AVERAGES.									
1938-39	2,902	338	118	912	527	251	1,690	85	1,632
1952-53	3,428	505	22	1,153	888	261	2,302	74	2,356
1953-54	3,970	605	24	917	923	224	2,064	79	2,534
1954-55	4,335	694	23	1,139	992	286	2,417	86	2,484
1955-56	5,117	830	28	1,285	981	303	2,569	87	2,321
1956-57	5,355	869	28	1,493	1,051	279	2,823	76	2,421
1957-58	5,388	885	27	1,670	1,102	351	3,123	74	2,387
1958-59	5,515	900	29	1,700	1,367	409	3,476	76	2,466
1959-60	5,852	979	27	1,929	1,732	446	4,107	74	2,573
1960-61	(h) 5,321	855	29	1,408	1,577	421	3,406	69	(h) 2,424
MONTHLY TOTALS.									
1960-61—Aug.	(h) 4,235	640	11	1,536	1,112	291	2,939	56	(h) 2,678
Sept.	(h) 6,963	1,183	26	1,319	1,205	342	2,866	63	(h) 1,980
Oct.	(h) 9,347	1,648	48	1,185	1,241	428	2,854	68	(h) 2,629
Nov.	(h) 10,380	1,858	62	1,192	1,711	475	3,378	110	(h) 2,372
Dec.	(h) 9,717	1,724	68	1,193	2,130	515	3,838	110	(h) 2,307
Jan.	7,293	1,248	53	1,314	2,247	560	4,121	78	2,334
1961-62—Aug.	4,556	685	15	1,519	1,290	321	3,130	44	2,664
Sept.	7,715	1,300	38	1,348	1,424	365	3,137	45	1,950
Oct.	10,382	1,819	69	1,395	1,546	412	3,353	50	2,530
Nov.	10,650	1,892	82	1,589	2,287	562	4,438	82	2,523
Dec.	9,727	1,710	80	1,393	2,171	535	4,099	116	2,160
Jan.	8,356	1,450	74	1,634	2,048	561	4,243	59	2,558

Period.	Minerals.			Building Materials.				Paper Pulp. (g)	Electricity for all Purposes Except Traction.	Super-phosphate	Sulphuric Acid.
	Coal.	Refined Zinc.	Cathode Copper.	Sawn Native Timber. (f)	Earthenware Bricks.	Portland Cement.	Fibrous Plaster Sheets.				
	Tons	Tons	Tons	'000 Sup. ft.	'000	Tons	'000 Sq. yds.	Tons	'000 K.W.H.	Tons	Tons
MONTHLY AVERAGES											
1938-39	7,667	5,819	(c) 1,056	7,019	1,216	7,490	10	332	47,026	2,507	1,180
1952-53	20,041	7,181	780	9,159	1,051	9,528	31	4,679	104,719	5,365	3,612
1953-54	20,458	8,263	717	9,856	1,315	10,050	35	5,794	122,037	6,179	4,485
1954-55	23,287	8,372	713	11,699	1,466	9,748	40	7,878	131,825	6,318	5,797
1955-56	24,768	8,659	617	12,553	1,503	9,668	40	8,579	148,889	7,108	5,931
1956-57	23,699	8,885	638	11,312	1,594	10,388	44	8,601	183,574	6,829	7,909
1957-58	22,298	9,594	839	10,880	1,703	10,878	48	9,315	194,246	8,728	9,325
1958-59	23,926	9,559	841	12,167	1,782	12,084	57	8,970	204,049	8,908	10,478
1959-60	25,237	9,824	939	14,138	1,998	9,981	65	9,296	210,417	8,551	10,587
1960-61	(h) 23,859	10,495	800	(h) 13,711	(h) 2,020	(h) 8,967	(h) 59	(h) 9,732	(h) 218,928	(h) 8,717	11,251
MONTHLY TOTALS											
1960-61—Aug.	(h) 27,142	10,366	915	(h) 16,207	(h) 2,231	10,784	(h) 64	(h) 9,970	(h) 233,584	(h) 8,675	10,769
Sept.	(h) 26,261	9,974	911	(h) 17,146	(h) 2,333	10,194	(h) 63	(h) 9,506	217,898	(h) 5,639	11,285
Oct.	(h) 30,554	10,460	883	(h) 16,612	(h) 2,369	8,599	(h) 65	(h) 11,334	222,029	(h) 8,261	10,995
Nov.	(h) 29,171	10,287	852	(h) 16,741	(h) 2,292	9,538	(h) 72	(h) 10,301	214,778	(h) 8,703	11,042
Dec.	(h) 20,090	10,680	628	(h) 12,324	(h) 1,853	8,793	(h) 50	(h) 8,232	202,579	(h) 11,524	12,004
Jan.	10,987	10,632	239	9,760	1,780	5,313	44	8,546	198,460	12,106	12,013
1961-62—Aug.	22,078	(h) 12,196	1,094	12,058	1,934	9,598	46	9,107	242,982	9,689	11,993
Sept.	17,696	(h) 12,990	1,030	11,572	2,049	9,109	52	8,544	224,829	3,761	8,086
Oct.	20,053	(h) 12,653	1,097	12,594	2,052	9,709	60	9,087	222,175	10,407	11,540
Nov.	20,257	(h) 12,029	1,073	12,945	1,877	9,365	69	8,545	210,664	12,538	12,418
Dec.	16,671	10,336	707	(h) 9,342	1,357	8,078	44	8,245	202,838	10,132	11,909
Jan.	8,210	10,496	620	9,160	1,485	5,302	47	9,974	205,986	11,832	11,864

(a) Including whole milk equivalent of factory butter and cheese produced.

(b) Including pork for manufacture of bacon and ham.

(c) Cured weight.

(d) Including wheatmeal for baking.

(e) Year ended 30th September for 1938-39 only.

(f) Including sawn equivalent of logs peeled or sliced.

(g) Ground wood pulp, chemical and semi-chemical pulp; figures to be used as an index of production only.

(h) Revised.

MOTOR VEHICLE REGISTRATIONS—TASMANIA(a).

Period.	Motor Vehicles on Register at End of Period.				New Motor Vehicles Registered During Period.			
	Motor-Cars.	Commercial Vehicles, &c.	Motor-Cycles.	Total	Motor-Cars.	Commercial Vehicles, &c.	Motor-Cycles.	Total
1938-39	17,668	5,036	3,656	26,360	2,010	700	350	3,060
1950-51	28,833	15,068	5,272	49,173	4,187	2,319	960	7,466
1951-52	32,548	16,817	5,739	55,104	4,267	2,073	938	7,278
1952-53	35,431	19,391	5,723	60,545	3,368	1,724	474	5,566
1953-54	39,973	19,740	5,649	65,362	4,718	1,896	450	7,064
1954-55	44,879	20,891	5,306	71,076	5,738	2,285	417	8,440
1955-56	48,969	22,384	4,800	76,153	5,457	2,179	332	7,968
1956-57	52,712	22,897	4,391	80,000	5,309	1,983	340	7,637
1957-58	56,873	24,029	4,018	84,920	5,337	1,944	225	7,506
1958-59	60,105	24,943	3,606	88,654	5,362	2,113	176	7,651
1959-60	64,746	26,088	3,123	93,957	6,527	2,115	96	8,738
1960-61	69,088	26,358	2,622	98,068	6,723	2,058	61	8,842
1960-61—Aug.	65,817	26,301	2,992	95,110	652	184	2	838
Sept.	66,570	26,420	2,948	95,938	651	223	2	876
Oct.	66,055	26,181	2,885	95,121	619	155	5	779
Nov.	66,851	26,315	2,845	96,011	927	200	2	1,129
Dec.	67,145	26,347	2,790	96,282	638	138	8	784
Jan.	67,242	26,346	2,755	96,343	352	110	14	476
1961-62—Aug.	69,472	26,419	2,605	98,496	470	127	2	599
Sept.	69,321	26,341	2,600	98,262	473	119	5	597
Oct.	70,331	26,648	2,587	99,566	562	159	3	724
Nov.	71,513	26,875	2,625	101,013	622	132	6	760
Dec.	71,358	26,775	2,567	100,700	579	116	4	699
Jan.	71,995	26,876	2,581	101,452	444	114	7	565

(a) Including Commonwealth-owned vehicles, other than Defence Service vehicles.

TASMANIAN TRANSPORT SERVICES.

Period.	State Railways.					Urban Passenger Services (a) (other than Railways)			
	Gross Revenue.	Working Costs (excluding interest).	Train Miles Run.	Passenger Journeys.	Goods and Livestock Carried.	Hobart.		Launceston.	
						Car Miles Run.	Passenger Journeys.	Car Miles Run.	Passenger Journeys.
	£	£	Daily Average.	Daily Average.	Tons.	Daily Average.	Daily Average.	Daily Average.	Daily Average.
1938-39	(b) 40,577	(b) 48,641	(c) 5,223	6,292	70,292	4,102	29,972	1,752	14,319
1952-53	170,784	222,743	5,452	8,634	74,754	5,854	50,965	2,353	19,127
1953-54	181,608	225,684	5,198	8,998	80,658	5,744	44,733	2,420	18,121
1954-55	194,359	238,960	5,725	8,502	86,739	5,640	45,399	2,440	18,036
1955-56	212,064	253,162	5,768	8,156	89,595	(d) 6,588	(d) 50,028	(d) 2,523	(d) 18,006
1956-57	211,021	268,077	5,086	7,708	90,141	7,610	52,309	2,850	18,958
1957-58	214,103	248,384	4,296	6,697	91,308	8,802	55,413	2,861	19,006
1958-59	225,550	247,625	4,217	6,421	94,807	9,496	54,139	3,005	18,679
1959-60	233,482	257,776	4,006	6,263	99,627	9,834	53,679	3,069	18,356
1960-61	227,704	273,826	4,154	5,762	99,297	10,541	49,946	3,143	17,462
1959-60—June	226,555	321,772	4,268	6,550	101,072	10,104	54,395	3,221	18,945
1960-61—July	208,796	263,783	4,086	6,102	95,763	10,153	52,190	3,073	18,452
Aug.	247,098	278,765	4,395	5,663	109,984	10,591	51,695	3,235	17,940
Sept.	253,465	274,438	4,415	6,456	114,446	10,458	50,666	3,088	17,549
Oct.	232,942	271,677	4,152	7,149	106,451	10,311	49,602	3,127	17,790
Nov.	246,618	266,433	4,354	4,997	111,985	10,669	51,731	3,185	18,243
Dec.	220,464	266,443	3,892	4,989	89,476	10,325	50,062	3,065	16,841
1960-61—June	230,638	354,903	4,217	5,359	98,757	11,188	50,043	3,249	17,913
1961-62—July	202,433	243,316	3,907	5,400	89,266	10,809	48,095	3,101	16,795
Aug.	220,302	293,495	4,114	4,504	91,568	11,005	50,415	3,655	19,811
Sept.	214,237	272,561	3,935	5,657	85,989	11,169	49,698	2,907	15,297
Oct.	228,351	261,574	4,071	5,646	90,890	10,721	49,788	2,923	16,159
Nov.	234,096	258,547	4,164	4,487	98,100	10,889	50,248	3,759	20,609
Dec.	(e)	(e)	(e)	(e)	(e)	10,110	44,946	2,748	14,408

(a) Includes tram, omnibus and trolley-bus services; under Municipal control until taken over by Metropolitan Transport Trust on 1.7.55. Trams ceased operating Hobart 21.10.60; Launceston 13.12.52.

(b) Monthly averages for annual periods; and monthly totals.

(c) Figures for 1938-39 are not comparable with those for 1952-53 and subsequent periods.

(d) Figures prior to 1955-56 are not strictly comparable with later figures due to acquisition by Metropolitan Transport Trust of omnibus services not included in previous statistics. See note (a) above.

(e) Not yet available.

TRAFFIC ACCIDENTS—TASMANIA.

Period.	Motor Vehicles on Register (a)	Accidents Involving Casualties Classified According to Responsibility (b).							Traffic Accident Casualties.	
		Drivers of Motor Vehicles.	Motor-cyclists.	Pedestrians.	Vehicular Defects.	Road Conditions.	Other Causes.	Total	Persons Killed	Persons Injured.
48-49	38,853	248	87	134	67	77	195	808	53	952
49-50	43,160	313	158	161	72	71	194	969	64	1,154
50-51	49,173	310	170	178	91	80	184	1,013	57	1,212
51-52	55,104	401	150	172	67	85	152	1,027	87	1,215
52-53	60,545	396	151	180	70	71	160	1,028	56	1,246
53-54	65,362	385	130	170	80	94	123	982	67	1,156
54-55	71,076	399	113	147	51	61	93	864	57	1,111
55-56	76,151	443	88	186	42	39	76	874	72	1,046
56-57	80,000	431	71	171	45	63	71	852	65	1,107
57-58	84,920	435	67	126	33	38	81	780	70	1,002
58-59	88,654	420	49	170	41	45	66	791	68	990
59-60	93,957	425	52	129	33	28	76	743	79	1,004
60-61	98,068	506	21	177	38	37	65	844	75	1,157
Twelve months ended Dec.—										
1960	96,282	463	32	150	36	31	66	778	78	1,079
1961	100,700	523	28	155	45	30	74	855	73	1,173
60—December	96,282	54	1	9	3	1	3	71	6	95
61—January	96,343	43	13	4	4	64	10	90
February	96,484	31	2	15	4	2	3	57	2	97
March	96,925	41	2	14	7	1	9	74	9	105
April	96,976	49	4	9	3	2	4	71	5	99
May	97,699	36	2	16	3	3	6	66	3	87
June	98,068	36	1	17	1	6	11	72	7	85
July	97,946	61	4	17	3	7	8	100	6	80
August	98,496	44	1	12	4	2	4	67	7	133
September	98,262	41	4	6	2	1	5	59	4	84
October	99,566	46	2	12	5	1	7	73	8	106
November	101,013	39	3	10	4	1	4	61	4	70
December	100,700	56	3	14	5	4	9	91	8	137

(a) At end of period; includes commercial vehicles, cars and motor cycles and Commonwealth-owned vehicles, other than Defence Service vehicles.

(b) As determined at the time of accident. Accidents not involving casualties are required to be reported only in certain circumstances.

POST OFFICE ACTIVITY—TASMANIA.

Period.	Receipts of P.M.G.'s Department (a).	Broadcast Listeners' Licences.		Television Viewers' Licences.		Telephone Services Connected at End of Period.	
		New Issues.	In Force at End of Period.	New Issues.	In Force at End of Period.	Lines.	Instruments
	£	Average.		Monthly Average.			
1938-39	39,053	(b)	39,392	14,144	18,013
1952-53	144,806	559	70,710	29,214	39,429
1953-54	157,088	518	71,047	30,837	41,816
1954-55	165,209	451	71,745	33,245	45,501
1955-56	175,203	554	74,732	36,210	49,344
1956-57	199,617	388	73,459	38,937	53,059
1957-58	223,391	515	75,915	3	43	40,891	56,059
1958-59	234,346	569	76,419	3	74	43,346	59,839
1959-60	272,573	401	78,899	384	4,661	45,758	63,377
1960-61	302,611	393	77,419	1,222	18,991	(c) 48,871	66,609
Monthly Totals.							
1960-61—January	341,083	349	78,008	709	15,056	47,960	(d)
February	294,146	337	77,380	645	15,706	48,084	(d)
March	268,399	279	76,709	730	16,372	48,216	(d)
April	297,134	505	77,531	752	17,188	48,395	(d)
May	344,918	341	77,319	1,123	18,294	48,599	(d)
June	290,488	325	77,419	997	18,991	48,871	66,609
1961-62—July	333,161	290	77,012	995	19,747	49,094	(d)
August	298,491	468	76,780	1,356	20,195	49,346	(d)
September	279,510	286	76,424	674	20,578	49,598	(d)
October	325,644	261	76,208	521	20,976	49,804	(d)
November	328,583	326	76,046	492	21,524	49,965	(d)
December	302,302	210	76,066	327	21,846	50,124	(d)
January	330,845	197	76,177	350	22,273	50,200	(d)

(a) Actual collections.

(b) Not available.

(d) Available as at end of financial years only.

(c) Break in continuity of series; from July, 1960, figures include additional subscribers connected by means of the duplex system.

CONSOLIDATED REVENUE AND BANKING STATISTICS—TASMANIA. £'000.

Period.	Consolidated Revenue.		Cheque-Paying Banks. (Including General Banking Division of the Commonwealth Bank.)		Bank Clearings— Weekly Averages (a).		Savings Banks Deposits (b).	
	Receipts.	Expenditure.	Deposits (c).	Advances (c).	Hobart.	Launceston.	Trustee Sav- ings Banks— Hobart and Launceston.	Total (All Savings Banks).
1938-39	3,615	3,641	(d)	(d)	623	258	6,038	8,396
1954-55	15,095	15,307	32,913	21,835	3,639	1,597	22,046	35,809
1955-56	18,011	17,896	34,281	22,291	3,932	1,700	22,899	37,211
1956-57	18,958	19,772	36,115	21,655	4,237	1,799	23,506	38,759
1957-58	20,802	21,614	36,019	21,498	4,448	1,957	24,122	40,241
1958-59	21,851	22,759	36,702	22,689	4,869	2,114	25,442	42,462
1959-60	24,296	25,328	38,503	23,140	6,062	2,496	27,257	47,388
1960-61	26,886	27,084	38,732	24,472	7,122	2,557	27,969	46,356
1960-61—Nov.	1,445	3,635	38,605	25,384	6,400	2,395	28,459	48,029
Dec.	3,010	2,011	38,973	24,886	8,394	3,223	28,247	47,622
Jan.	1,635	1,136	39,100	24,659	6,128	2,355	28,271	47,523
Feb.	1,814	2,246	38,674	25,038	6,308	2,443	(e) 28,652	(e) 47,820
Mar.	2,737	2,363	39,324	23,832	7,715	2,792	28,353	47,325
April	2,444	2,579	39,479	24,319	7,327	2,289	28,335	47,325
May	2,562	2,890	37,893	23,706	7,722	2,469	28,129	47,037
June	4,297	2,261	38,227	24,005	7,805	2,447	27,969	(f) 47,388
1961-62—July	1,586	1,527	37,975	24,382	7,574	2,615	28,241	47,753
Aug.	1,495	2,267	37,840	24,618	6,206	2,583	(g) 28,673	(g) 48,323
Sept.	2,915	2,522	37,950	24,580	6,283	2,226	(h) 28,904	(h) 48,758
Oct.	1,630	3,216	38,321	24,954	7,262	2,611	28,827	48,866
Nov.	1,883	3,085	38,391	25,242	6,386	2,252	28,810	49,006
Dec.	2,934	2,145	39,266	24,008	7,164	3,217	28,731	49,114
Jan.	(i) 1,913	(i) 1,492	39,664	24,161	5,905	1,902	28,788	49,305

(a) Figures not exhaustive as cheques deposited in banks on which they are drawn are not included.

(b) At end of period.

(c) Average of weekly figures.

(d) Comparable figures not available.

(e) Trustee Savings Banks interest £446,000 added.

(f) Commonwealth Savings Bank interest, £507,000 added.

(g) Trustee Savings Bank interest, £259,000 added.

(h) Trustee Savings Bank interest, £220,000 added.

(i) Deficit for seven months ended January, 1962, £1,897,216, compared with a deficit of £1,713,087 for the corresponding period in 1960-61.

INTEREST RATES AND SECURITY YIELDS. Per Cent Per Annum.

Date of Change in Rate	Trading Banks: Interest on Fixed Deposits.				Hobart Savings Bank.		Treasury Bills.	Commonwealth Government Securities taxed at Current Common- wealth Rates.	
	3 Months.	6 Months.	12 Months.	24 Months.	Interest Rate (maxi- mum) on Deposits.	Mortgage Rate on Advances.		Short Dated, 2 Years. (a)	Long Dated 12 Years. (a)
1941—1st March	1.50	2.00	2.25	2.50	2.75	4.25	1.50
22nd Sept.	1.50	1.75	2.00	2.25	2.75	4.25	1.50
1942—1st March	1.50	1.75	2.00	2.25	2.25	4.25	1.50
14th Mar.	1.25	1.50	1.75	2.00	2.25	4.25	1.50
1943—1st March	1.25	1.50	1.75	2.00	2.25	4.00	1.50	2.47	3.23
1st May	1.25	1.50	1.75	2.00	2.25	4.00	1.25	2.49	3.24
1944—17th Jan.	1.00	1.25	1.50	2.00	2.25	4.00	1.25	2.47	3.24
11th Aug.	0.50	0.75	1.25	1.75	2.25	4.00	1.25	2.43	3.24
1945—1st March	0.50	0.75	1.25	1.75	2.25	4.00	1.00	2.48	3.25
1st Dec.	0.50	0.75	1.00	(b) 1.50	2.25	4.00	1.00	2.46	3.25
1949—1st Jan.	0.50	0.75	1.00	(b) 1.50	2.25	3.87	1.00	2.10	3.10
1st May	0.50	0.75	1.00	(b) 1.50	2.25	3.87	0.75	2.00	3.13
1951—1st Sept.	0.50	0.75	1.00	(b) 1.50	2.25	4.00	0.75	2.04	3.83
1952—29th July	1.00	1.25	1.50	(c) 1.75	2.25	4.00	1.00	2.40	4.51
1st Aug.	1.00	1.25	1.50	(c) 1.75	2.25	4.50	1.00	2.58	4.49
1st Sept.	1.00	1.25	1.50	(c) 1.75	2.50	4.50	1.00	2.94	4.61
1955—1st Jan.	1.25	1.50	1.75	2.00	2.75	(d) 4.75	1.00	3.35	4.49
1956—1st March	1.25	1.50	1.75	2.00	3.00	(e) 5.00	1.00	4.68	5.12
15th Mar.	2.25	2.50	2.75	3.00	3.00	5.00	1.00	4.68	5.12
4th Dec.	2.25	2.50	2.75	3.50	3.00	5.00	1.00	4.69	5.09
1957—1st April	2.25	2.50	2.75	3.50	3.00	(f) 5.25	1.00	4.77	5.06
1st Nov.	2.25	2.50	2.75	3.50	3.00	(e) 5.50	1.00	4.43	5.00
1958—1st Nov.	2.25	2.50	2.75	3.50	3.25	5.50	1.00	4.24	4.96
1960—17th Nov.	4.00	4.00	4.50	(g)	3.25	5.50	1.00	5.35	5.19
1961—1st Jan.	4.00	4.00	4.50	(g)	3.50	(e) 5.75	1.00	5.63	5.38
1st July	4.00	4.00	4.25	(g)	3.75	(e) 5.75	1.00	4.93	5.34
1962—Jan.	4.00	4.00	4.25	(g)	3.75	(e) 5.75	1.00	4.35	4.94

(a) Rates for securities maturing in 2 and 12 years estimated from rates on securities maturing in 0-5 years and 10 or more years respectively. Figures relate to last Wednesday of each month shown.

(b) 1 per cent on amounts in excess of £10,000.

(c) 1.50 per cent on amounts in excess of £10,000.

(d) Rate for advances for homes; an additional $\frac{1}{4}$ per cent charged on other advances.

(e) Rate for advances for homes; an additional $\frac{1}{2}$ per cent charged on other advances.

(f) Rate for advances for homes; an additional $\frac{3}{4}$ per cent charged on other advances.

(g) Maximum term of 12 months.

LIFE ASSURANCE BUSINESS—TASMANIA.

Period.	New Policies Issued (a)					New Loans Granted by Life Assurance Companies (b)			
	Ordinary Department		Industrial Department		Total Sum Assured	On Mortgage of Real Estate	On Companies' Policies.	On Other Securities.	Total Loans Granted
	No.	Sum Assured	No.	Sum Assured					
Monthly Averages—		£'000.		£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
1948-49	623	350	641	63	413	22	5	...	27
1949-50	731	439	617	63	502	18	6	...	24
1950-51	796	549	664	72	621	38	6	...	44
1951-52	865	694	633	76	770	69	10	...	79
1952-53	855	726	624	83	809	49	10	13	72
1953-54	915	872	508	76	948	57	9	...	66
1954-55	1,029	1,051	465	72	1,123	136	10	...	146
1955-56	1,045	1,200	394	68	1,268	166	16	...	182
1956-57	1,007	1,269	406	72	1,341	166	18	1	185
1957-58	950	1,363	404	73	1,436	185	18	3	206
1958-59	1,082	1,520	387	75	1,595	194	21	2	217
1959-60	1,341	1,976	371	74	2,050	222	23	3	248
1960-61	1,337	2,223	339	88	2,311	218	38	1	257
Monthly Totals—									
1960—June	1,368	2,251	392	82	2,333	245	26	5	276
July	1,579	2,530	289	68	2,598	161	23	...	184
August	1,596	2,496	403	108	2,604	264	33	...	297
Sept.	1,866	2,688	471	119	2,807	270	29	1	300
October	1,072	1,685	396	104	1,789	190	34	...	224
Nov.	1,170	2,245	425	97	2,342	285	37	4	326
1961—June	1,460	2,722	409	110	2,832	150	43	...	193
July	1,284	2,266	311	78	2,344	102	50	2	154
August	1,331	2,290	329	87	2,377	207	33	...	240
Sept.	1,828	2,855	427	110	2,965	150	31	2	183
October	1,098	1,892	288	69	1,961	186	34	...	220
Nov.	1,018	1,890	273	75	1,965	169	39	...	208

(a) Excludes annuity policies.

(b) Exclusive of advances of premiums.

FIRE, MARINE AND GENERAL INSURANCE STATISTICS, TASMANIA.

Year	Income		Expenditure—Claims, Expenses, &c.					Total
	Gross Premiums Less Local Re-insurances & Returns	Interest Dividends, Rents, &c.	Gross Claims Less Amounts Recoverable	Contribution to Fire Brigades	Commission and Agents' Charges	Expenses of Management	Taxation	
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
1951-52	1,878	17	724	23	257	361	111	1,476
1952-53	2,213	21	953	27	319	447	129	1,875
1953-54	2,547	23	1,084	29	350	503	144	2,110
1954-55	2,813	30	1,371	32	394	547	144	2,488
1955-56	3,151	32	1,655	34	437	628	174	2,928
1956-57	3,355	30	1,644	38	439	703	167	2,991
1957-58	3,989	63	2,017	51	553	815	208	3,644
1958-59	4,292	68	2,113	69	608	831	218	3,839
1959-60	4,567	77	2,702	72	596	914	235	4,519
1960-61	4,923	72	2,760	75	637	1,014	274	4,760

RAINFALL OF TASMANIA IN DISTRICTS.

Index Showing Ratio of Actual to Average (a) Rainfall for each Month.

Period.	Agriculture, Dairying, and Mixed Farming.		Grazing (mainly Sheep).		Orcharding and Mixed Farming.		Dairy Farming.	Mining.
	Northern.	King Is.	Central Plateau.	Midlands.	Derwent Valley.	South-East.	East Coast.	West Coast.
1953	106	121	109	107	89	125	89	115
1954	92	104	79	79	81	106	90	89
1955	132	118	97	104	79	99	110	96
1956	141	138	128	142	111	148	169	110
1957	84	107	80	92	76	108	88	95
1958	108	114	109	121	126	149	124	107
1959	78	83	76	77	73	83	98	84
1960	109	139	109	115	98	116	122	95
1961	77	93	69	68	67	74	86	78
1960—November	115	179	113	86	79	75	111	123
December	6	19	7	15	15	18	31	14
1961—January	21	21	29	41	47	67	27	38
February	55	85	40	49	53	77	40	85
March	22	48	39	64	37	43	59	55
April	200	265	133	177	102	90	147	97
May	55	103	59	53	69	78	43	103
June	81	116	117	64	101	97	72	135
July	96	143	70	87	85	143	152	79
August	72	93	67	74	81	100	110	45
September	38	60	74	57	65	84	42	64
October	70	94	45	35	30	54	45	82
November	74	68	62	64	58	40	131	65
December	138	64	73	53	51	66	193	99
1962—January	102	54	46	106	51	88	137	43

(a) Up to and including 1958 *average* rainfall for each year (represented by 100) is the average over the period 1911-1940. As from 1st January, 1959, a long period average from a selection of representative stations is used.

SEASONAL CONDITIONS—TASMANIA.

Rainfall.—Although no real relief was afforded the dry areas of the State, seasonal conditions did not deteriorate seriously during *January*, 1961. The Derwent, Central Plateau, West Coast and King Island districts were the driest, receiving less than half of normal rainfall. Totals of less than 1 inch were recorded in the lower Derwent Valley and the lower Midlands while totals of less than $\frac{1}{2}$ inch were recorded in the Hamilton area.

The highest rainfall totals approaching 4 inches occurred in the North-East Highlands while in the Launceston area and the Northern Midlands rainfall totals were the highest for some months. Rains in the North and North-East were associated with thunder activity. Fair general falls were experienced in the period 24th-26th and on the 31st in most areas except the North.

Temperature.—Maxima 4° to 6° above normal were recorded in the Midlands, the Central Plateau and south of the Circular Head district. In the Central North, mean maxima were as high as 75° while 101° was recorded at Hobart Airport on the 16th. The general tendency throughout the State was for above normal temperatures, both by day and by night.

Hail.—Some apple orchards in the Huon Valley reported damage early in the month.

Bushfires.—Main outbreaks commencing the 16th were at Lewisham, Nugent, Kempton, Bagdad, in the Catamaran Valley and at Upper Blessington and Lileah. A fire emergency period was declared.

Gales.—Severe damage to orchards in the Tamar Valley occurred on 20th and 21st.

Crops and Water Supplies.—Huon orchards were in good condition and most areas in the North-West reported good pea harvest yields; the prevalence of moist north-easterlies was accompanied by an outbreak of potato blight along the North-West Coast. Some orchards in the Tamar Valley needed rain.

The districts experiencing maximum drought were the East Coast particularly the Swansea area and the South-East, in the Jordan Valley. Other districts badly in need of rain were the Midlands, the Derwent Valley and King Island.

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